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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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SUBJECT:CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY: CHIN CHEN-TSENG

REFERENCE: TAIPEI 01746

1. AFTER RECEIVING REFTEL THE DEPT INFORMED SENATOR METZENBAUM'S OFFICE THAT IT HAD NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE CHIN CHEN-TSENG CASE. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE SENATOR'S CONSTITUENT, MRS. LIN, WHO IS A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE US, CALLED THE DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS HER FATHER'S ARREST FURTHER.

2. MRS. LIN EXPLAINED THAT HER FATHER WAS A BUSINESSMAN WHO HAD TRAVELLED REGULARLY TO JAPAN AND HONG KONG. THE FIRST INDICATION THE FAMILY HAD THAT HE MIGHT BE IN TROUBLE WITH THE AUTHORITIES CAME WHEN HE WAS REFUSED AN EXIT PERMIT ON AUGUST 10, 1976. FOUR MONTHS LATER HE
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WAS ARRESTED, FOR REASONS WHICH SHE STILL DOES NOT UNDER-STAND. SHE SAID THAT HER MOTHER HAD RECEIVED TWO BRIEF LETTERS FROM HER FATHER SINCE HIS ARREST IN WHICH HER FATHER STATED THAT HE WAS IN GOOD HEALTH BUT SAID NOTHING ABOUT HIS WHEREABOUTS OR THE NATURE OF THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

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3. MRS. LIN SPECULATED THAT THE POLICE MAY HAVE SUSPECTED HER FATHER BECAUSE HE WAS CHAIRPERSON OF THE TAIPEI WATCH ASSOCIATION, SOME OF WHOSE MEMBERS SHE SAID WERE CONSIDERED BY THE ROC AS QUOTE PEOPLE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT UNQUOTE. SHE ENDED BY ASKING TO BE INFORMED OF ANYTHING THE DEPARTMENT LEARNED ABOUT HER FATHER'S SITUATION.

4. WE HAVE JUST RECIEVED ANOTHER CALL FROM SENATOR METZENBAUM'S OFFICE ASKING WHAT FURTHER INFORMATION WE MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING CHIN. DUT TO THIS CONTINUED CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S REMAINING ALERT FOR AND REPORTING ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THAT MIGHT COME TO ITS ATTENTION CONCERNING CHIN'S ARREST.
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